



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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“There is a distinct sense of community in the school” Ofsted 2020

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you have all enjoyed your week. Our focus this week has been on our open evening and the start of our open morning tours. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone that attended our open evening. We had well over 800 people come along to see the school and over 250 students were on site helping with the event. Well done to everyone who was involved either as an ambassador guiding parents around the school or as student leader within an individual department. As always, you did a fantastic job and we're proud of all you do. We conducted an exit poll from the open evening for the first time this year and many parents commented on how good the tour guides and student leaders were. Our open mornings also started this week, we have 10 tours scheduled and each of them are completely booked up. If you are booked onto a tour and no longer need your place then please do let us know so we can avail it to another family. This does mean that students will see more visitors around the school site as they are led round by members of the leadership and student ambassadors. This will continue up until half term.

Alongside our open events, we have also begun our programme of interventions for our Year 11 students. These sessions are tailored to the needs of the students and are designed to give them the best preparation possible for their mock exams next half term. All the students have had a bespoke timetable for the interventions they should be attending. If parents have any queries about this then please get in touch with Mr Winpenny who will be delighted to help. His email address is here for your reference: mwinpenny@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

We are continuing our search for a new Clerk to Governors, I have included the [details](#) of this post once again should any members of the community be interested in the role and wish to join our wonderful team.

And finally, please can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that the small visitors' car parking space outside the Surbiton Hill entrance to the school site is not open for parents to drop off or collect their children. This is because we have well over 1000 students leaving the site at the end of the day or coming into school in the morning and it is simply not safe to have cars driving into this area at this time. If you need to collect your child or drop them off please arrange to do this in a nearby area so we can maintain this space for pedestrians.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

5 September to 21 December
 (Inset Day – 4-5 Sept & 1-3 Nov
 - except Y11 & Y13)

Half Term

23 October - 3 November (see above)

Christmas Holiday

22 December - 5 January 2024

Spring Term 2024

8 January – 28 March

(Inset Day – 19 Feb)

Half Term

12-19 February (see above)

Easter Holiday

29 March – 12 April (Bank Hol
 29 Mar & 1 Apr)

Summer Term 2024

15 April – 19 July (Bank Hol 1,
 6 & 27 May)

Half Term

29 - 31 May

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- 10/10 – Y11 GCSE Geo/Bio Trip
- 12/10 – Y11 Music Solo Performances
- 17-23/10 – Y12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip
- 18/10 – Y10 Careers Fair – 6.30pm
- 19/10 – Y10 Drama Trip – 12.00pm

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OTHER NOTICES

Reporting your child's absence

When reporting your child's absence from school on the dedicated absence line, please ensure you provide their name, year and registration group, reason for absence and your details, please ensure you spell out your child's name to ensure they are marked correctly.

Valuables in school

The school policy and guidance with regard to pupil possessions is clear that they are brought into school at their own risk. The Hollyfield School does not accept liability for any items that may be lost, damaged or stolen. While theft is taken extremely seriously and thoroughly investigated, the school is not in a position to cover the cost of any item stolen.

Of course, with respect to the last point, steps and measures are put in place to mitigate against such circumstances, especially during PE and Games lessons, where pupils' items are locked in the changing rooms. While this is standard procedure, there may be some extenuating circumstances where this cannot always be guaranteed. Therefore, I would urge your son/daughter not to bring expensive items into school.

Medical Health Care Plans

Please can we remind all parents to complete a MHCP for any student with a medical condition if you have not already done so. Also, if there are any changes to a current plan please complete and submit a new MHCP so we can update our records. You can [print a form](#) and return it to school.

Changed your address/email/phone number????

If you have changed your contact details, please email the school office on office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk stating your child's name and form and the change of details. It is important to keep these details up to date in case of an emergency. Don't forget to update your Parentmail account with your new details.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them to school every day, it is even more important during hot weather. Our water fountains can be used to refill bottles as necessary during break and lunch, it is not possible to drink from the fountains direct and we do not have bottles or cups to give out to students. Alternatively, bottles of water can be purchased (and refilled) in the cafeteria, please ensure your Parentmail account has enough funds to enable this.

Surbiton Hill Road Entrance for cars

If you drive/collect students to or from school the visitor's car park/Surbiton Hill Road entrance **should not be used to drop off students**. This causes congestion for people entering the site and staff access, cars travelling on Surbiton Hill Road and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians.

Dinner Money Top Up

Please ensure funds are available 24 hours before they are required when topping up your child's dinner money on Parentmail. If you add funds on the day they are to be used we will not be able to see the credit instantly until the system has processed it, therefore creating a delay in your child buying food at the canteen.

Contribution to the School Fund

If you would like to help contribute to the school fund to provide additional facilities to the school and students, please click [here](#) for more information. We acknowledge that not all of our parents can make a commitment on a monthly basis. Having listened to those parents we also understand that some would like to make a contribution whenever they can. A donation payment link is available in your ParentMail account. We are grateful for any contribution you can make, regardless of the amount. Every penny will be spent improving students' experiences. Like the monthly contributions, your donation will go into the school fund. It will be used in accordance with the guidance given to schools regarding parental contributions.

Open Door

Ms Jackson holds Parent Clinics on Thursday afternoon during term time. These are from 3.00pm-4.30pm for parents/carers to speak directly to her regarding any unresolved concerns/ suggestions. Please contact Louise Sutton to arrange an appointment on 0208 339 4500 or email lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

IN SAFE HANDS

Once again, for your information, the key contacts are:

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.

SCHOOL HEALTH DROP- IN

WHEN: Tuesday Lunch time 11.40 -1.10PM

WHERE: Room A12 (Top floor of ALBURY)

Come along for a **CONFIDENTIAL** chat with your School Health Practitioner about anything that is worrying you.....





HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

WANTED: PTA Social Media Coordinator

Are you experienced/can you help us to maximise our exposure?

We need someone to help us maximise the PTA's exposure on various social media platforms and manage the PTA channels and create the content. We can help with writing the content. Please contact us at ptahollyfield@gmail.com - it would be great if you can help!

Pre-loved Uniform Store

Next session: 13.01.24

At the old Music Building, Next to the Dome, Close to the Lamberts Road Gate

Anyone is welcome to pop in and take what items they need. If your child has lost or outgrown their uniform or PE kit please drop in and see if we can help. We have a large stock of items of uniform (particularly trousers) and PE kit including some shoes, football boots and trainers. Availability varies.

In an emergency situation, students can speak to the team at the school office to ask for access to the Uniform Store in the old music building.

We operate a donation system for those that can afford to contribute.

Everyone Welcome - it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown away! Any donations of uniform too small for your child would also be appreciated! These can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury

Easy Fundraising

Please support The Hollyfield School PTA - Surbiton on #easyfundraising, you'll raise FREE donations for us with your everyday shopping. Plus, register before the end of the month and we could win an extra £500 donation! Look out for the Parentmail note with the link

This is a really simple way to help raise funds for the PTA in order to support the school and students. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding : Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1>

PTA Meeting - date TBC

Everyone is welcome! Join us, find out how you can get involved and have fun whilst helping with events and raising funds for the school!

Join us at the Waggon and Horses, in the room off the back bar area - ask bar staff to direct you.



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THIS WEEK.....

TOP ATTENDERS




The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 96.24%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 99.43%
 8RHU= 94.75%
 9HBL= 96.87%
 10EWE= 94.69%
 11BRO – 94.93%

Well done to all these students, keep up the excellent work.

HOUSE POINTS

The final total for the year including house points awarded at sports day, well done to everyone for their continued effort.

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	House to be allocated		
Year 8	354	292	414
Year 9	290	317	252
Year 10	242	205	91
Year 11	69	201	85
Total	955	1015	848

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9 October	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 6 Open Day Tour – 9.15 and 11.05am (ticket only)
Tuesday 10 October	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 11 Geography/Biology Field Trip
Wednesday 11 October	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 6 Open Day Tour – 1.30pm (ticket only)
Thursday 12 October	Year 11 Assembly – Exam Centre
	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
Friday 13 October	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 10-13 EGX Computing Trip
	Year 6 Open Day Tours – 9.15 and 11.05am (ticket only)
	Y10-13 EGX Computing Trip

FORTHCOMING DATES

10 October – Year 11 GCSE Geography/Biology Trip
 12 October – Year 11 Music Solo Performances
 17-23 October – Year 12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip
 18 October – Year 10 Careers Fair – 6.30pm
 19 October – Year 10 Drama Trip – 12.00pm
 23-31 October 2023 – Half Term – Year 11, 13 & staff
 23 October – 3 November – Half Term - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 (1-3/11 Inset days)
 7 November – GCSE Exams Start
 9 November – Year 11 Oxford University trip
 10 November – PTA Quiz Night
 13 November – 1 December – Year 11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals
 14 November – Year 10 Jack Petchey Workshop (9.00am-3.00pm)
 16 November – Sixth Form Open Evening - Early closure from 12.00pm
 24 November – Year 7, 8 & 9 Report emailed to parents
 26 November – Year 11 Music Ensemble Performance
 30 November – Year 12 & 13 Drama Theatre Trip
 4-15 December - Year 13 Trial Exams
 5 & 7 December – Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews – 3.30-6.30pm
 7 December - Year 9 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 12 December – Year 9 Options evening - 6.00pm
 13 December – Year 9 Options Taster P4-6
 14 December – Christmas Carol Concert (6.30-10.00pm)
 15 December – Year 7 Christmas Carol Service
 19 December – Year 10 & 11 Report Emailed Home
 19 December – Year 11 Trial Exam Results Day
 21 December – End of Term – dismissal from 12.00pm
 22 December 2023 – 5 January 2024 – Christmas Holiday

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Achievement and behaviour points are awarded every day at Hollyfield in line with our school policy and are a fundamental part of school life. We want students to be the best versions of themselves and we explicitly teach the behaviour we want our young people to develop through our GO BIG character virtues (Good Communication | Organisation | Bouncebackability | Initiative | Gratitude). Students are therefore rewarded for when they demonstrate these character virtues either in class, around our school environment and even outside of school. The school also gives out termly prizes for great progress, engagement in learning, attendance and also contribution to school life. We also continually try to celebrate the successes of our students outside of school life and encourage all students to be proud of their successes in whatever area they come from.

Behaviour points are given to students in line with our behaviour policy. At the heart of our behaviour policy is restorative approaches which is a strategy the school uses to allow students to discuss their behaviours with one another and also key staff and to move past incidents in a non-judgemental way.

Both of the school's rewards and behaviour policies can be found on the school website and if you have any questions about them please don't hesitate to contact Miss Patel (Assistant Headteacher).

The year group weekly totals are below:

Year 7 1148 **Year 8** 1106 **Year 9** 895 **Year 10** 607 **Year 11** 338

The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7SNE 252 8RHU 256 9HRO 180 10RHA 134 11DMI 124

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Clara K

Year 9 Athanasios S-G

Year 11 Harry R

Year 8 Lacey F

Year 10 Amy W

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 6 October 2023
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Hollyfield school Future Careers Fair is on 18 October between 6.30-8.30pm



This is for Year 11-13 students and parents and carers from Hollyfield and Chessington are also welcome to attend.

As a part of the event we have invited a number of local employers and employees as well as a number of colleges and universities. There are a large number of volunteers with a STEM, Computer and Business background as well as Health Care and the uniformed services. This is a great

opportunity for our students to come and talk to people from a wide variety of backgrounds about their career journey and gain inspiration for their future choices.

Can you help?

We are still looking for a few more volunteers so if parents have friends, family or acquaintances who have an interesting careers backgrounds and would be willing to spend a couple of hours chatting to Year 11 and Sixth Form students about their career journey then please can you pass their contact details to Mr Poole: ipool@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk or phone on 0208 339 4500 ext 119. The final deadline for volunteers is next week October 11. Many thanks.

Careers Advice for Year 11

At this stage students and their parents should be beginning to think about the 16+ subject choices they need to make at the end of Year 11. There are a variety of choices available and it is the aim of the school to ensure that all students make an informed choice and are fully aware of all the different academic, technical and vocational options available to them.

Hollyfield has a successful Sixth Form and many students decide to stay on after Year 11 however students can apply to as many Colleges/Sixth Forms as they like, we advise them to apply to at least two or three to keep options open and they make their applications directly with the provider.

1. Aspirational application

2. Realistic application
3. Back up plan

Upcoming open events:

- [Hollyfield Sixth Form](#) open evening is on Thursday 16 November 18.00-20.00
- [NESCOT](#) open event - Saturday 14 October 16.30-19.30
- [Kingston College](#) open event - Sat 7 October 2023 10.00 - 13.00
- [Richmond upon Thames College](#) - Sat 14 October 10.00-14.00 Tues 14th Nov 17.00-20.00
- [Brooklands College](#) - Weds 11 October 16.30-19.00
- [Merrist Wood College](#) (for those interested in animal care) Sat 18 Nov 09:30-12:30
- [Guildford College](#) Weds 11 Oct 16:30-19:30; Sat 11th Nov 09:30-12:30

Year 12 and 13 Parents/Carers

The Success at School University Guide 2023-2024 for parents and carers is now available.

Covering everything from UCAS to accommodation to studying abroad, this guide will help parents and their children think through everything they need to consider including expert, first-hand advice from universities and employers. Download your free copy now -

PARENTS use this link: [Success at School Parents pack](#)

Opportunities



We produce a **weekly opportunities bulletin** to highlight the range of opportunities you can take part in during your time at sixth form. It includes:

- Work experience/careers events and talks
- University taster days and open events
- Apprenticeships
- Useful resources to help you research your future

For ALL the opportunities please click to see this

week's edition: [Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 6/10/23](#)

BRITISH AIRWAYS



British Airways have a variety of opportunities we would like to bring to your attention, please click on the links to find out more:

Apprenticeships - check out their website [Emerging Talent](#) and you can join us every Tuesday evening – 4pm to 5pm, on the same link every week: <https://lnkd.in/es6AD6U3>

Speedbird Pilot Academy [British Airways - Future Pilot](#)

Work Experience Insight Days Register: <https://britishairways.connectr.co.uk/inspire/>

Engineering Work Experience Insight Day (16 October 2023) Our engineering teams focus on the behind-the-scenes activity.

Business Work Experience Insight Day (8 November 2023) We have a variety of teams that work in our head office and across British Airways that support our airline operation!

Airport Operations Work Experience Insight Day (20 November 2023) We put our customers at the forefront of everything we do, and our colleagues on the frontline go above and beyond to give our customers an unforgettable experience. You can expect to hear from our ground team and cabin crew on their day-to-day roles.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities – PE](#)

[Student well-being and safety](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities – Music](#)

[Staff List and Structure](#)

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[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

[Severe Weather Procedure](#)

Resilience in Children

If you are interested in further reading around building resilience in children this article is worth a read.

<https://cmom.org/press/the-british-psycological-society-five-ways-to-boost-resilience-in-children/>

LOCAL INFORMATION

Kooth

Kooth is an online crisis messenger service that Children and young people can access for free online mental health support with a professional counsellor - www.Kooth.com.

Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom.
Email RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk for details.
- Childline: [information and advice](#) on a range of topics including feelings, relationships, family and schools. Childline is there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Call: [0800 1111](tel:08001111).
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/>.
- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: [116 123](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel:85258).
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)/online chat.

Information for adults

Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/. Call 0808 802 5544.

ASD

Parent/Carer Support Group



Wednesday 18th October 2023

9.30 to 11am

at

Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton, KT5 9HU

Coffee, biscuits and general support

If you would like to come along, please register by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/8dYAnAP1xvbY972C8>

or contact

Jane Pidduck (e-mail jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk)



EnhanceAble AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

RIBBONS: MONDAYS
FLYERS: TUESDAYS
KITES: ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

RIBBONS: 4PM – 6PM
FLYERS: 4PM – 6PM
KITES: 6.15PM – 8.15PM

13 GENEVA ROAD, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT1 2TW

ENHANCEABLE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AIM TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON, BY HELPING DEVELOP THEIR SOCIAL AND LIFE SKILLS. CREATE NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND MEET OTHERS WITH A SIMILAR DIAGNOSIS... AND, ABOVE ALL, HAVE FUN!

KITES – FOR OLDER CHILDREN (AGED 11-17) OFFERING GROUP SUPPORT FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF DISABILITIES/NEEDS.

RIBBONS – FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN (AGED 4-11) OFFERING GROUP SUPPORT FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF DISABILITIES/NEEDS.

FLYERS – FOR CHILDREN (AGED 4-17) WITH MORE COMPLEX HEALTH AND/OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, OFFERING 1 TO 1 SUPPORT.

For More Info:
Leanne.Johns@Enhanceable.org
<https://www.enhanceable.org/services/after-school/>

OLD KINGSTONIAN HOCKEY CLUB

FREE HOCKEY TRIAL SESSIONS

TIFFIN GIRLS SCHOOL, KT2 5PL | 12:00–13:30
 10 SEPTEMBER | 17 SEPTEMBER | 1 OCTOBER
 8 OCTOBER | 5 NOVEMBER | 12 NOVEMBER*

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RUGBY PLAYERS WANTED !! ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME!



Junior Boys

Under 12 to Under 16 (school year 7 to 11)

Training every Thursday evening at Old Cranleigh Sports Club for:

U12s, U14s & U16s: 19:00 - 20:15pm
 starting from Thursday March 2, 2023.

And Tuesday evenings at Old Cranleigh Sports Club for:

U18s: 19:00 - 20:15pm
 starting from Tuesday March 28, 2023

For details contact: 07720 805834
admin@elmbridge.rl.com

Elmbridge R.L., Old Cranleigh Sports Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton,
 KT7 0HB





CoderDojo

The global community of coding clubs for young people aged 7 to 17


**Monthly sessions one Saturday
afternoon during school term**



It is totally FREE and COOL!
 Create your own video games, web page or robotics.
 Kids come with a parent or carer.
 Bring a laptop if you have one, or else use one of ours.
 To join our mailing list, email:
KingstonUniversity.uk@coderdojo.com



About CoderDojo



What You Could Learn

CoderDojo is an open-source global community of free coding clubs (Dojos) for young people aged between 7 and 17.


Create your own video games, animations, apps, web pages and lots more!
 All you need to bring is a laptop and parent or carer. Each Dojo is an independent club that follows the CoderDojo vision:





"To give children everywhere the opportunity to learn about technology for free and be creative in a safe and social environment."

Dojos are led by volunteers from tech industries who are passionate about sharing their skills. Founded in 2011 in Ireland, there are now more than 2,000 Dojos in 115 countries, hosted in universities, public libraries, schools, and sponsoring firms.

Soft skills

- Collaboration • Confidence • Problem solving • Logical thinking
- Mentoring • Presentation • Leadership





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Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have **parenting experience**, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. **Free volunteer course** runs in **Hampton Wick** on Thursdays 9.30am-2.30pm from 5 October to 16 November (not half term 26 October).



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